

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gregory R. Grace (Reg. No. 59,733) on October 21, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows: In the claims:

In claim 1 (line 3) after "sent to" delete "the" and replace therewith --a--;

In claim 1 (line 7) after "tion" and before "prior" insert --for a delay period--;

In claim 1 (line 7) after "instruction into" delete "a" and replace therewith --the--;

In claim 1 (line 7) after "the delay" and before "independent" insert --period--;

In claim 1 (line 8) after "instruction." delete "."

In claim 9 (line 9) after "re-scheduler" delete "unit";

In claim 17, (line 4) after "sent to" delete "the" and replace therewith --a--;

In claim 21 (line 5) after "sent to" delete "the" and replace therewith --a--.

Comment on claim 9

Counsel indicated in the amendment (dated 7/3/08) to claim 9 the period at the end of the claim was inadvertently underlined where the claim already included a period at the end of the claim. The claim only contains one period at the end of the claim.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Coleman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie Chan can be reached on (571) 272-4162. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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